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Police raid houses of 37 rowdy-sheeters at 3 am

▶ Lethal weapons recovered from two houses. Warning parade at Hebbal Police Station

▶ More than 900 history-sheeters in city; 37 of them most active: City Police Commissioner

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh, DCP (Law and Order) Pradeep Gunti and others looking at the lethal weapons seized during the raid on houses of rowdy-sheeters this morning. Picture right shows the City Police Commissioner warning rowdy-sheeters not to indulge in any anti-social activities.

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (RK&BCT)- In a concerted operation across all the 18 Police Stations in the city, houses of over 37 active rowdy-sheeters were raided in the wee hours of today and their houses were searched for weapons and other illegal materials.

The operation that began at 3 am was spread across all the Sub-divisions — Krishnaraja, Narasimharaja and Devaraja and coordinating the searches were the sleuths from the City Crime Branch. The history-sheeters were brought in Police vehicles to Hebbal Police Station at 7 am where City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh issued a stern warning to them to stop all illegal activities.

It may be recalled here that in the first week of this month, the Police has initiated the exercise of identifying rowdy-sheeters, known defaulters, goondas, criminals and extortionists and were preparing a dossier to enable the administration to banish them from their areas of operation. This was to prevent any law-and-order situation in an election-bound region.

900 rowdy-sheeters in city

These dossiers would enable the Home Department to banish the trouble-makers. During today's exercise, more than 900 rowdy-sheeters were identified and 97 were listed as active ones. Over 37 rowdy-sheeters were found to be most active and today their houses were raided. Lethal weapons including knives, 'long' and swords were recovered from the houses of two history-sheeters.

Before the operation, the Police had procured search warrants from the Courts and permission to raid the houses to prevent trouble from these anti-social elements. Apart from searching their houses, teams also searched the cowsheds, sheep and animal sheds based on the reports that weapons are usually concealed there to avoid detection.

(See POLICE on page 7)

Woman waves machete at KSRTC officials

Police book attempt to murder case; accused woman, husband absconding

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (KS)- A woman allegedly brandished a machete and threatened KSRTC officials who had come to implement a Court order regarding a building lease agreement in the city. The woman's husband too allegedly abused the officials and the Police have booked them under attempt to murder case. Both the accused are on the run now.

The incident took place at Sathagalli KSRTC Bus Depot on Saturday in full public view and the video of the woman waving the machete and abusing the KSRTC staff including women staff with foul language has

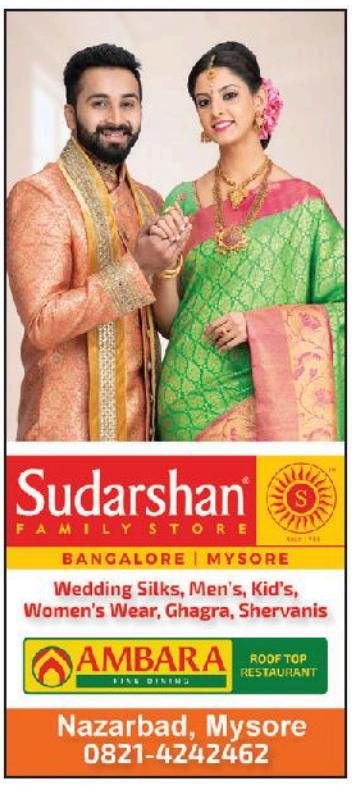
gone viral on social media.

One Shafiq Ahmed and his wife Syeda Unnisa, residents of Bannimantap 'C' Layout, had taken the KSRTC commercial complex on lease. But the woman and her husband had a dispute with KSRTC following a disagreement.

The lease of the commercial complex at Sathagalli Bus Depot was for 12 years and both the couple and the KSRTC had entered into an agreement in this regard. But according to the KSRTC staff, Shafiq Ahmed had not paid the licence fee, GST, power bill and the balance that had accumulated up to Rs. 1.89 crore.

When the KSRTC asked Shafiq Ahmed to vacate the complex due to the pending dues, he obtained an interim stay order from a Court. But on Dec. 10, following an application from the KSRTC, the Court vacated the stay and passed an order.

(See WOMAN on page 7)



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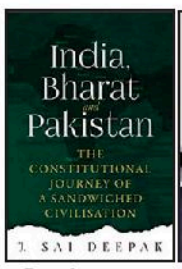
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 13th December 2022

'India, Bharat and Pakistan : The Constitutional Journey of Sandwiched Civilisation'

Interaction with author Sai Deepak on Dec. 17

Mysuru, Dec. 13- HH Sri Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar Foundation has organised an insightful talk and interaction session on the book *'India, Bharat and Pakistan: The Constitutional Journey of Sandwiched Civilisation'* by its author Supreme Court (SC) Advocate J. Sai Deepak, at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri on Dec. 17 at 5 pm.



Book cover

Sai Deepak

About the author: J. Sai Deepak is an Engineer-turned-Law Firm Partner-turned-Arguing Counsel. Sai has a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Anna University (2002-06) and a Bachelor's Degree in Law from IIT Kharagpur (2006-09). Sai has been a Litigator since July 2009 and was an Associate Partner at a leading National Capital Region-based litigation firm, Saikrishna & Associates, until he went independent in June 2016.

In June 2016, Sai founded Law Chambers of J. Sai Deepak and set up practice as an Arguing Counsel. He is engaged by law firms and individual solicitors to appear on behalf of their clients before the Supreme Court of India, the Delhi High Court, the Madras High Court, the Competition Commission of India, NCLAT (National Company Law Appellate Tribunal) and Intellectual Property Appellate Board.

In close to twelve years of practice, Sai has carved a niche for himself in Civil Commercial litigation, IP litigation, Constitutional law and Competition law.

Since Nov., 2016, Sai has been engaged by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, as an Honorary Advisor on the implementation of the National IPR Policy.

It may be mentioned, *Star of Mysore* had published a Book Talk titled 'A path-breaking research work — India that is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution' by R. Chandra Prakash, former President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) on Oct. 30, 2021.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As India begins its presidency of the G-20 (Group of Twenty), there is a certain reluctance on its part to take the bull by the horns and try to end the Russian invasion of Ukraine. India has gone out of its way to say that Ukraine will not be the centrepiece of the G-20 this year. This position is because of the fear of failure, especially because of the position India has taken not to condemn Russia; it is not because the Russian invasion is not the most urgent issue for the world to resolve. But after the G-20 summit in Bali, Indonesia, in November, there is greater understanding of the Indian position — as articulated by US President Joe Biden himself. Considering that the Bali Declaration was virtually drafted by India, New Delhi has been recognised as a potential honest broker who may be able to end the devastating war. The first step for India to take is to highlight the Bali Declaration and to present a road map during the preparatory process for the G-20 and persuade the sherpas to take it on its agenda. The response cannot be negative except by Russia as it has to negotiate as an equal with the other members of the G-20. If Russia is looking for an escape route, even Russia will accept India's role as an honest broker in the process. This will enhance India's capacity to deal with the crisis in a formal way within the G-20. It will accomplish India's ultimate goal securing the reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Once the basic work is done, the UNSC can formalise the decision and implement it for international peace and security.

—T.P. Sreenivasan in The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Probably the craziest truck ever built

New York: THOR 24 is a unique big rig often referred to as "the most powerful big rig ever built" because of its horsepower rating (3,974 horsepower) reached through a 24-cylinder engine with 12 superchargers.

The 44-foot-long big rig is powered by two 852 cubic-inch V12 diesel engines and 12 superchargers and requires four drag parachutes to deploy out of the rear bumper to stop when it reaches its peak speed of 130 mph (209 km/h). It apparently took Harrah seven years and thousands of hours to build and cost over 7 million dollars.

One look at THOR 24 and anyone can tell that it's no ordinary big rig. The shiny chrome plating and aluminum accents catch the eye and the sound of those two V12 diesel engines really gets your attention. The dash features no less than 24 gauges, including a speedometer, tachometer, several pressure gauges, and a compressor operation indicator, and the whole cabin is illuminated with LEDs.

Tractor that is faster than some sports cars

London: The JCB Fastrac Two is a stripped-down and performance-enhanced JCB Fastrac tractor capable of reaching speeds of up to 247 km per hour (153.8 mph).

A few years ago, a team at English tractor manufacturer JCB set out to do just that and managed to set a new Guinness record for the world's fastest tractor with a modified version of the company's Fastrac tractor. Over two two-kilometer runs, it averaged a speed of 135 mph (217.6 km/h) and a peak speed of 247 km/h.

"Getting a five-tonne tractor to safely reach 150 mph and stop again is not an easy task," JCB Chief Innovation and Growth Officer, Tim Burnhope, said. "We're all so proud to have not only reached these goals but to have exceeded them."

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the treatment options for kidney stones?
Adequate water intake, medication, laser lithotripsy, extracorporeal shock wave lithotripsy (ESWL) and keyhole surgery (PCNL) depending on the size, location, and hardness of stones

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Power disruption tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 13- As the quarterly maintenance works have been taken up by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) at 66/11 KV Bogadi Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted in the following areas from 10 am to 6 pm tomorrow (Dec. 14):

Janatanagar, Bogadi 2nd Stage North-South, Gangothri Campus, Gangothri Quarters, Dasanakoppal, Maratikyatanahalli, Roopanagar, Deepanagar, Bogadi village, Preethi Layout, Vijayanagar 3rd and 4th Stages, Vijayashripura, Sudha Layout, Railway Layout, SBM Layout, Vagdevinagar, CFTRI Layout, University, Jayanagar, K.G. Koppal, Chinnagirikoppal, RMP Layout, Shivaram Layout, Preethi Hill View Layout, Sara Layout, Raghavendra Layout, old Manandavadi Road, K-Block, Chikkaranganahalli and surrounding areas, according to a press release.

PRO KABADDI
Play-offs

TODAY'S MATCHES (DEC. 13)

- **Bengaluru Bulls** Vs **Dabang Delhi** — 7.30 pm
- **UP Yoddhas** Vs **Tamil Thalaivas** — 8.30 pm

Venue: **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai**

Catch all the live actions on **Star Sports Network** and live streaming on **Disney+Hotstar**

FIFA WORLD CUP Qatar2022
Semi-Finals

TOMORROW'S MATCH (DEC. 14)

- **Argentina** Vs **Croatia** — 12.30 am

THURSDAY'S MATCH (DEC. 15)

- **Frace** Vs **Morocco** — 12.30 am

Catch live on **Sports18** and **Sports18 HD**

REALLY...?

- *Flowers made precious pieces of adornments — be it the crown, neckpiece, bracelet or anklet, flowers occupied a supreme position in women's dressing room during ancient times. Victorians, armed with floral dictionaries, often exchanged 'talking bouquets', which were worn as fashion accessory.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A Haryanavi peasant went to a newspaper office to place an advertisement announcing his father's death.
"The rate is Rs. 360 per single col. cm," ***the clerk told him.***
"Main to lut jaoonga — I will be ruined," ***exclaimed the peasant.***
"My father was 182 cms tall !"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.71
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 101.41
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.52
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.15

VOICE OF THE READER

Barricades spoiling aesthetics around Hardinge Circle

Sir,

While I deeply appreciate the thought of installing barricades at the Hardinge Circle (also known as Aar-gate) was to reduce accidents, it is also admissible that it is not only an eyesore in front of one of the most iconic junctions in the city but also a traffic bottleneck now.

Considering that crores of rupees were spent to build the so called Raja Marga on the Albert Victor Road which is one of the roads entering this junction from the western side and also the world famous Mysore Palace existing just next to it at the southern side, these barricades look cheap and just spoil the remaining aesthetics of the area surrounding it.

As per the report in *SOM* dated Sept. 10, 2022, it is clear that the Police Department which has installed it wants to keep this temporary structure as a permanent solution to reduce accidents. As an alternative, in the interest of retaining the aesthetics of the place and bringing back its old glory (if ever there was any), **I request the officials concerned to mull over the choice of implementing rumbler strips at the entry points of all the roads that are meeting at this junction.**

This can reduce the speed of the vehicles before entering the Circle and also help gain the driver's attention which in turn can reduce accidents.

—Mukund Gramani
Mysuru
6.12.2022

Special Police Cell to keep an eye on Ponzi schemes

State mulling to bring new law to curb con ventures like chain-marketing, multi-level-marketing

Ashoka

Bengaluru, Dec. 13 (KMS &BCT)- Ponzi schemes have a long history where fraudsters always find a way to fool people, especially the middle class and hoodwink regulatory bodies by constantly changing their looks, place of operation and *modus operandi*.

Despite cautions from regulatory bodies like RBI against multi-level-marketing, chain-marketing, pyramid structure schemes so that investors do not fall prey to unscrupulous entities, people continue to be cheated. Taking the issue seriously, the State Govt. is contemplating bringing a new law to keep a strict vigil on chain-marketing firms that offer lucrative offers to attract investors only to vanish with money.

Revenue Minister R. Ashoka told reporters in Bengaluru yesterday that Tamil Nadu has enacted a law that acts harshly on Ponzi scheme operators. "We also need such a law to stop these market chain-link operators. In the guise of marketing companies, they are running fraud schemes. Though Karnataka has several laws and provisions to curb these activities, these Ponzi operators continue to cheat gullible investors," he said.

People, mostly middle-class salaried class or housewives hoping for quick returns, invest their life's savings in such schemes. "People would want to make quick money and often put their whole life-savings to such schemes in the hope of doubling it in no time," Ashoka noted.

"With a new law, we want to plug gaps in the existing laws, giving power to the Government to prohibit companies running Ponzi schemes from taking such funds from people. People running illicit deposit schemes can face jail term as well as stiff penalty," he noted. Also, the Govt. will shortly set up a special monitoring cell in the Police Department which will keep a tab on all activities of chain-marketing companies, he said.

Income under such schemes majorly comes from enrolling more and more members from whom hefty subscription fees are taken rather than from the sale of products they offer. It is incumbent upon all members to enrol more members, as a portion of the subscription amounts collected is distributed among members at the top of pyramid. Any break in the chain leads to the collapse of the pyramid, and the members lower down in the pyramid are the ones that are affected the most. Also, too low returns on public savings schemes and bank deposits encourage the people to embrace such fraudulent schemes despite knowing the risks.

NEWS BRIEFS

Desiranga's theatre camp

Desiranga Samskruthika Trust has organised a 10-day theatre and folk dance training camp for college students at Kalamandira in Rangayana premises from Dec. 19 to Dec. 29 between 4.30 pm and 6 pm. Folk dances including Kamsale, Dollu Kunita, Puja Kunita, Mari Kunita and Kolata will be taught during the camp. For details, call Camp Director on Mob: 70194-41509, according to a press release.

KSOU admissions

The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has invited applications for second and third year admissions to BA, B.Com, BBA, BCA, B.Sc (General), B.Sc (Home Science), B.Sc (IT) and final year MA, M.Sc, MBA, M.Com, PG and UG courses for the year 2022-23. The last date for admissions is Dec. 20. To apply, visit *www.ksoumysuru.ac.in*. For details, call Helpline: 88003-35638 or *e-mail: techsupport@ksouportal.com,* according to a press release from the KSOU Registrar.

Christmas celebration

Konkani Christian Association, Mysuru, has organised Christmas celebration for its members and their families at Konkan Bhavan, C.A. No. 33, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, on Dec. 18 at 4 pm. The grand celebration includes varieties of programmes like Christmas message, carol singing, comedy skit, Santa Claus and many more fun-filled activities, according to a press release from Association President John William D'Souza.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	119.74	feet
Yesterday	:	119.52	feet
Inflow	:	5,828	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,452	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,271.32	feet
Inflow	:	625	cusecs
Outflow	:	504	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,831.75	feet
Inflow	:	423	cusecs
Outflow	:	600	cusecs

Youth organisations to come up at every village: Minister Narayanagowda

District-level Sports Meet-2022 held at University Sports Pavilion

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (RKB&DM)- Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayanagowda said that next year's State Budget (2023-24) will have an exclusive Youth Budget for the first time.

He was speaking at the day-long District-level Sports Meet-2022 for school students organised by Kreeda Bharati, Mysuru, in association with the Department of Physical Education, University of Mysore (UoM), at University Sports Pavilion here yesterday morning.

Stating that winning or losing is not important in sports and it is the true sportsman spirit which really matters, Narayanagowda observed that sportsman spirit should become a part of politics too, especially at a time when political animosity is growing.

Maintaining that due priority will be given in the Sports Department for appointment of achiever sportspersons who have excelled in State, National and International sports events, he said that Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai too has agreed to reserve two percent posts for achiever sportspersons in all other Departments.

Pointing out that the Department has initiated steps to constitute Swami Vivekananda Youth Organisations in every village, the Minister said that this is being done for the empowerment of youths and added that the State Government had introduced a new youth policy, which is aimed at strengthening youths.

Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports K.C. Narayanagowda adressing the gathering at the day-long District-level Sports Meet-2022 organised by Kreeda Bharati in city yesterday as University of Mysore Registrar V.R. Shylaja, Vidya Vikas Educational Institutions Secretary Kavish Gowda and others look on.

Minister Narayanagowda further announced that the Government would grant Rs. 5 lakh for Kreeda Bharati. He also took up membership of Kreeda Bharati by paying the membership fee on the occasion.

The Minister also distributed cash prizes to the winners of the State-level Yoga formations *(Yogavyooha Rachane)* contest that was held in schools in the past three months.

City's Podar International School bagged the first prize of Rs. 1 lakh, Police Public School bagged the second prize of Rs. 50,000 and Sri Hari Vidyalaya bagged the third prize of Rs. 25,000.

Earlier, Chandrashekar Jagirdar, Kreeda Bharati South India Co-ordinator, inaugurated the event.

Republic Day (2022) Parade Commander and NCC Senior Under Officer of 3-KAR Girls Battalion, Pramila Kunwar, Vidya Vikas Educational Institutions Secretary Kavish Gowda, National Swimmer Ramachandregowda, UoM Registrar V.R. Shylaja, Lion G. Mahendra, Kreeda Bharati Southern Region Secretary Mahendra Prasad, District President Amrut Purohit, City President Subramanya, Co-ordinators Paramesh, Rashmi and others were present.

Children of 12 selected schools from across the district took part in the sports meet which mainly featured three events — School March Past, Band Music and Desi Games like Lagori and Tug-of-War.

Sreenivasa Prasad bats for Gujarat model in ticket allotment

V. Sreenivasa Prasad

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&DM)- With the State Assembly polls round the corner, Chamarajanagar BJP MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad said that it is better to adopt the Gujarat model for allotment of party tickets in the Assembly polls.

Speaking to presspersons at his Jayalakshmipuram residence here on Sunday, Sreenivasa Prasad said he believes that the current political scenario in the State demands that the BJP to adopt the Gujarat and UP Models for distribution of party tickets, with focus on new faces and a strong leadership.

Maintaining that this would help the party consolidate its position in the Assembly polls, which is just a couple of months away, Prasad said that the Party top brass have kept a keen eye on Karnataka Assembly polls, as it is the gateway for the party's expansion in the South.

Lashing out at Opposition leader Siddharamaiah, Prasad said the Congress leader was like a political nomad who goes searching for a safe Constituency. Ridiculing the former CM's claims that the Gujarat poll results will not make any impact on Karnataka Assembly polls, the veteran BJP MP asserted that he would continue to take on Siddharamaiah politically.

Commenting on BJP MLC A.H. Vishwanath's recent political moves, Prasad said that Vishwanath, like Siddharamaiah, too is a political nomad who keeps on hopping parties.

Referring to JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy's claims that a dalit would be made the Chief Minister if the JD(S) is voted to power with a full majority, Prasad said that the JD(S) would never come to power on its own and as such Kumaraswamy was making such claims in order to fool the dalit community.

He further said that the people of the State have lost faith in the JD(S) and as such Kumaraswamy has resorted to gimmicks to win over voters.

Sandesh Nagaraj to quit BJP

Sandesh Nagaraj

Mysuru, Dec.13 (MTY&DM)- A year after he joined the BJP, former MLC Sandesh Nagaraj has decided to quit the party, alleging that he has been discarded by the BJP top brass.

Speaking to presspersons here on Monday, Sandesh Nagaraj giving a hint on joining the Congress, claimed that he was totally sidelined by the BJP leadership and hence he has decided to quit the party.

Asserting that he has not been active in the BJP, Nagaraj accused the party leaders of failing to fulfil the promises made to him ahead of last year's Legislative Council polls.

Stating that MLC A.H. Vishwanath too has been rendered injustice by the BJP, Nagaraj said the BJP finished off the career of veteran BJP leader B.S. Yediyurappa in a nice manner, which will result in the BJP losing about 40 seats in the forthcoming Assembly polls.

Now, the BJP is planning to finish off the political career of Yediyurappa's son B.Y. Vijayendra too by fielding him from Varuna Constituency, where Opposition leader Siddharamaiah is sure to win in his home turf.

Noting that Vijayendra should contest from Shikaripur itself for a good political future, the former MLC said more than 10 BJP legislators would join the Congress ahead of Assembly polls.

Sandesh Nagaraj further said that he would decide on joining the Congress party in a couple of months.

Silt lifting from Harangi Dam in Kodagu district

Marking, mobilisation to begin this month end

Concern over parched days as Dam has low water level due to excess release

Kushalnagar, Dec. 13 (Akshay &BCT)- Two years after the Karnataka Cabinet accorded administrative approval to release Rs. 130 crore to remove silt from Harangi Dam at Somwarpet taluk in Kodagu district, preparations are in full swing to remove the silt and carry out other allied development works.

Over one tmcft (one thousand million cubic feet) of silt has accumulated at Harangi Dam, the main Cauvery water supply reservoir from the catchment areas to KRS Dam in Mandya, the lifeline of South Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The accumulation of silt had resulted in a sharp dip in the water level impounded in the reservoir.

The tender has been awarded to Maharashtra-based Shiva Constructions and the groundwork, mobilisation and marking of areas for silt removal will begin by the end of this month. The actual work is expected to begin in January 2023.

Massive task in store

This will be a massive task as most of the mud that slipped and washed away from mountains during the floods and landslides of 2018, 2019 and 2020 have entered the Dam through rivers and tributaries, decreasing its water storing capacity further.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* yesterday, Madikeri MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan said that this was a long-pending project becoming a reality now. "The tender was quoted for Rs. 113 crore and the State has approved 129 crore (extra funds of Rs. 16 crore keeping in mind the cost escalation factor). Of this, Rs. 38 crore will be utilised for silt removal, Rs. 40 crore to construct the retaining wall that has been damaged and collapsed at places around the Dam and Rs. 35 crore will be utilised to restore bridges, clean canals and other related works," he said.

Gabion wall technology

To prevent silt deposits in the future after the present silt is removed, Gabion wall technology will be used on both the sides of the Dam. "As works at the Dam can be taken up only during five months due to weather conditions of Kodagu, the contractor has been directed to finish off maximum silt removal works before the 2023 monsoon sets in," Appachu Ranjan added.

Cauvery Neeravari Nigam Limited (CNNL) Assistant Engineer (AE) Siddaraju said that as a Writ Petition (W.P. No.8864/2020) has been filed in Karnataka High Court regarding Harangi Dam storage levels, the Court has asked CNNL to carry out silt removal and development works in a transparent manner.

"This will be Court-monitored work and we need to update the Court at every step. The Court has directed us to complete the de-silting and development works within two years considering that there will be favourable weather only for five months in Kodagu," he said.

Alarmingly low storage level now

While the de-silting will enable the Dam to store more water that will help Mysuru and Harangi Dam Command Areas at the time of water crisis, concern has been raised now due to the low storage level. While the Dam can hold 8.5 tmcft of water, the present level is only 3.5 tmcft and if it does not rain, the same water has to be rationed and maintained till the next monsoon.

In the hope of good rains in December, the CNNL authorities resorted to excessively releasing water to the downstream KRS Dam and to the feeder canals for the benefit of tail-end farmers of K.R. Nagar, Periyapatna, Hunsur and Saligrama.

Today's (Dec. 13) data shows that the Dam's gross capacity is 3.42 tmcft and live capacity is 2.67 tmcft. Inflow of 423 cusecs and outflow of 600 cusecs was recorded. Considering the low storage level, it will be a Herculean task to fulfil drinking water to Kushalnagar, K.R. Nagar and Periyapatna during peak summer if it does not rain.

Excess water release

In fact, the data from Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitoring Centre (KSNDMC) shows that from June 1, 2022 till Dec. 12, 45 tmcft has flowed into the Harangi Dam and 46 tmcft outflow has been recorded, indicating excess water release and lopsided water management.

As the Chunchanakatte Srirama Sugar Factory is operational now, farmers in the region have been encouraged to grow sugarcane and every farmer is prepared to do so. But their plight will hang in balance if there is no water in the Harangi Dam.

Obituary

Kotera Naren Kushalappa

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Kotera Naren Kushalappa (71), retired Customs Officer and a resident of No. 179, 10th Cross, Shivaji Main Road, near Thibbadevi Theatre, N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday night in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

Alhaj Mirza Kaleemulla Baig Razvi

Alhaj Mirza Kaleemulla Baig Razvi (65), Secretary of Madrasa-e-Raza-e-Mustafa at Shanthinagar and a resident of No. 117, 4th Cross, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Sathgalli Layout, passed away in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza will be held today after Asar prayers at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road, followed by burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival

Action-packed plays captivate audience

Scenes from the plays** Gowdra Gadla **(Kannada)**, Kaapa **(Tulu) and** Ima Nangi Natambakta **(Manipuri) staged as part of Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival in city last evening.

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MK&BCT)- Audience trooping into the Bahuroopi National Theatre Festival at Rangayana are being treated with plays that are filled with wholesome entertainment, plays with theme of nationalism to match the Bahuroopi theme of Indianness and plays that make them brood over art and cultural values.

Last evening, Kannada play 'Gowdra Gadla' at Kalamandira proved to be an out-and-out entertainer while sending a message, through humour and dialogues, on caste inequalities and the distance created between communities. The play called for social harmony and cementing of ties between castes.

Likewise, the Tulu play 'Kaapa' at Sampath Rangamandira and a Manipuri play 'Ima Nangi Natambakta' at Bhoomigeeta entertained the audience. 'Kaapa', written by Balakrishna Shibarla and directed by Divakar Kateel was enacted by Sumanasa Kodavuru team from Udupi too focussed on the prevalent caste system.

The play had the overall message that those who have earned a name and fame in the society are behind pursuing the deep-rooted caste system for their selfish and ulterior motives. Whenever there is an opposition to the caste system, these people call for social reforms but internally, they fuel caste disputes, the play suggested.

The troupe gave a mind-blowing performance on the caste theme narrating the poverty and discrimination still pursued strongly even in the progressive society. Overall, this drama turned out be a treat for the theatre lovers, who came to see the play despite cold weather.

The Manipuri play titled 'Ima Nangi Natambakta' written, designed, directed and music composed by Heisnam Tomba riveted the audience with splendid performance. The play was staged by Kalakshetra, Manipur.

The play narrates the story of a student whose father has left the house. After reading the books collected by his father, he excelled in academics. In a twist of fate, the same student grows up to be a murderer and ultimately, he turns himself to a broomstick. The play won the hearts by its complex structure, simple theme and a socially relevant message.

Five-day MyBuild-2022 concludes

Prizes distributed to best stalls

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (SPN&SSM)- MyBuild – 2022, a five-day exhibition of construction materials, interiors and lifestyles, organised by Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, at Maharaja's College Grounds in city concluded yesterday.

Prizes and certificates for the winners were distributed in the presence of UltraTech Cement Limited, Bengaluru, Regional Head Ashok Reddy and Mysore Builders Charitable Trust Managing Trustee A.V. Sridhar.

Speaking on occasion, Ashok Reddy said that MyBuild is a great platform for various companies which were invited from across the world to unveil the developments happening in the real estate and construction technology.

WINNERS

The stalls set up by Hyderabad's Wavin-Vectus Debutant Company for the first time in the MyBuild expo won the overall prize while Inspire Fenstar UPVC Windows and Doors of SK Steels bagged the consolation prize.

Platinum block single stall category: Europe Locks of Sri Raghavendra Enterprises (first), Power Gate Energy-Mysore Pvt. Ltd. (second) and Stone Sink (third).

Platinum multi-stall category: Leaf Steel Doors-Sumukha Building Solutions (first), RKB Building Properties (second) and Relicomp Elevators Pvt. Ltd. (third).

Diamond single stall category: E3 Wood (first), Innovative Designs (second) and SOG Interiors & Lifestyle (third).

Diamond multi-stall category: Naksha Builders (first), Geethansh Door and Window (second) and Toughwood and Adhesives (third).

BAI Mysore Centre Chairman R. Raghunath, Hon. Secretary V. Srinath, MyBuild-22 Chairman Mahabaleshwara Bairy, Hon. Secretary K.T. Govindaraju and others were present on the occasion.

MYSORE RACES 2022

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

Contributor for Dr. Ishwari

G. K. Balakrishnan Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Following are the selections for the 5th day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday - December 14, 2022:

1.	1.30 PM	**THE NILGIRIS PLATE**	
		1100 mts. - 2 Years (TERMS)	
		1. JANEIRO	*2. QUEEN STAR*
2.	2.00 PM	**THE PLANTERS PLATE**	
		1600 mts. - rated 00 to 25	
		1. MISS CHINA	*2. COORG GENERAL*
3.	2.30 PM	**THE CHARMUDI GHAT PLATE**	
		1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45	
		1. NRI BLUE	*2. SPIRITUAL FORCE*
4.	3.00 PM	**THE BRIG. C.D. MOHAN MEMORIAL PLATE DIV. II**	
		1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45	
		1. WHITE LIES	*2. SAMAY BALWAAN*
5.	3.30 PM	**THE VIDHATRI MOTORS CUP**	
		1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65	
		1. EVERLY	*2. RHYTHMIC*
6.	4.00 PM	**THE DR. ISHWARI G. K. BALAKRISHNAN MEMORIAL TROPHY**	
		1400 mts. - rated 60 and above	
		1. CONTRIBUTOR	*2. ABERLOUR*
7.	4.30 PM	**THE BRIG. C.D. MOHAN MEMORIAL PLATE DIV. I**	
		1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45	
		1. HERODOTUS	*2. D. ROMAN REIGNS*
8.	5.00 PM	**THE KODACHADRI PLATE**	
		1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65	
		1. GINTOKI	*2. VIVA LA VIDA*

***DAY'S BEST:** EVERLY*

***DOUBLE:** 1. JANEIRO 2. HERODOTUS*

***JACKPOT:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 8*

***I TREBLE:** 1, 2, 3 **II TREBLE:** 3, 4, 5, **III TREBLE:** 6, 7, 8*

***EXACTAS:** 7, 8*

—Tipster PGC

Karnataka-Maharashtra border row

Will apprise Union Home Minister on Karnataka's stance: CM Bommai

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&DM)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said that he will apprise Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Karnataka's stance on the raging border row with neighbouring Maharashtra at the meeting of Chief Ministers of the two States convened by Shah at New Delhi tomorrow (Dec.14).

He was speaking to press persons at Mysore Airport in Mandakalli en route Chamarajanagar this morning.

Stating that he was proceeding to Chamarajanagar to inaugurate a slew of projects there, Bommai said that Chamarajanagar is a distinct district having a varied geographical feature.

Pointing out that he is visiting the district for the second time after becoming the CM last year, Bommai maintained that it is not correct to say that the district is jinxed and he is happy to visit the district.

Referring to the border row with Maharashtra, Bommai said that tomorrow's meeting of the two Chief Ministers with the Union Home Minister is an official one, during which he will make a strong case on Karnataka's stance on the border row.

Noting that legal experts will present the case of the State along with the 2004 SC ruling on States Reorganisation Act, the CM said that Karnataka has thus far refrained from making controversial moves on the border row issue with Maharashtra.

Commenting on the proposed joint Congress rally to be taken out by KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar and Opposition Leader Siddharamaiah, Bommai said that the people know when the two Congress stalwarts will unite and when they get separated.

Contending that the people very well know what the Congress party is, the CM took potshots at the Congress for raking up issues such as Mahadayi water project and SC/ST inner reservation issue at a time when Assembly polls are round the corner.

Questioning why the Congress did not hike reservation for SC/ST communities for the past 40 years, he asserted the people must understand that it was the Congress which failed these communities by not hiking the reservation. He further said that the Congress was out to fool the people by raising non-issues when election is round the corner.

When asked whether the State Government has got Constitutional sanction for the reservation hike, Bommai said that the Government is finalising the draft which will soon be submitted to the Centre. The Union Government will give nod for the hike once it receives the proposal, he said adding that his Government took the initiative for reservation hike and not the Congress, as claimed by its leaders.

Mayor Shivakumar, Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan, Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, Police Commissioner B. Ramesh and other officials were present.

Aadyaveer Wadiyar birthday celebrated

Mysuru, Dec. 13 (MTY&SSM)- It was a special occasion at the Mysore Palace premises here yesterday with the celebration of the fifth year birthday of Aadyaveer Narasimharaja Wadiyar, the son of titular head of Mysore Royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and Trishikha Kumari Wadiyar.

The celebrations were held in the presence of Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and other Royal family members. Various rituals including Ayushya homa among other royal family traditional pujas were performed on the occasion.

Prasada from Chamundi Hill Temple, Nanjangud Temple, Tripura Sundari Amma Temple in Uttanahalli and Temples inside the Palace premises were brought and given to Aadyaveer, who was later blessed by elders.

Woman waves machete

(Continued from page 1)

Armed with the Court order, KSRTC District Transport Officer (DTO) Marigowda, Depot Manager Shankar, Assistant Traffic Controller Kalashree, Asst. Traffic Officer Chethan and other officials went to the complex on Saturday to implement the Court order only to be confronted by the couple.

The woman, who allegedly threatened the officials, abused them in filthy language and brandished a machete in full public view. Her husband too allegedly abused the officials using foul language and even went ahead to assault them.

According to KSRTC officials, Shafiq Ahmed, who had taken the commercial complex on lease, had allegedly subleased it to a private college. As Shafiq's case was quashed by the Court, KSRTC officials went there to take possession of the building. As there was a college running there, the officials had not done it till now, it is learnt.

Based on the complaint from DTO Marigowda, Udayagiri Police registered a case against the couple under IPC Sections 353, 504, 506 read with 34.

Meanwhile, public who witnessed the incident said that though a machete was brandished and the Government officials were threatened, the Police failed to register the case under IPC Section 307 (attempt to murder) and arrest the accused.

Meanwhile, DTO Marigowda said that in the agreement between KSRTC and Shafiq Ahmed, there was a provision to sub-lease the building. In this case, except for non-payment of money to KSRTC, no other violations can be seen.

"Now, his licence has been cancelled and hence he has no connection with the commercial complex in Sathagalli Bus Depot. We have not taken possession of the building from the person who has taken it on sub-lease. We would write to the Central Office and the future course of action will be taken based on the reply," he said.

IPC Section 307 added to FIR

"There were no Police personnel present when KSRTC officials were threatened with a lethal weapon at Sathagalli Bus Depot. As KSRTC officials and Police wear khaki uniforms, there was confusion among the public and they assumed that Policemen were threatened. Now Udayagiri Police have registered a case and the accused are absconding. When the KSRTC officials lodged the complaint, there was no mention of the attempt to murder point in it and hence IPC Section 307 was not mentioned in the FIR. Now, IPC Section 307 (attempt to murder) has been included."

—B. Ramesh, City Police Commissioner

Police raid houses of 37 rowdy-sheeters at 3 am

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After the raids, rowdy-sheeters were brought to the Hebbal Police Station and individual information like contact details, activities, profession and means of livelihood were noted down by Policemen and were paraded before the Police Commissioner.

KCOCA, UAPA, Goonda Act

Commissioner Ramesh warned the anti-social elements to lie low and renounce illegal activities as they were under close watch. They were warned not to indulge in any illegal activities like property offences where land owners and purchasers are threatened, gambling, extortion, money-lending for a high rate of interest, matka and 'meter baddi' and dealing with narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.

They were told that any illegal activity would attract lodging of cases under Karnataka Control of Organised Crimes Act (KCOCA), Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) and Goonda Act.

Later speaking to reporters, the Commissioner, accompanied by DCP (Law and Order) Pradeep Gunti, Narasimharaja ACP Shivashankar, Krishnaraja ACP S.E. Gangadharaswamy, Devaraja ACP N.M. Shashidhar and CCB ACP Ashwathnarayan, said that along with all the rowdy elements, people who have come out of jail on bail will be under scanner for illegal activities.

"Officers and staff have been told to keep a close watch on them, especially murder accused who are on bail, extortionists, habitual property offences accused, intimidators, drug dealers and gamblers," he added.

Obituary

Chandru

Hunsur, Dec. 13- Chandru (53), a tailor by profession and a resident of V.P. Bore, passed away early this morning following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Hunsur Burial Grounds today.

Casino at Chamundi foothill shut

Replying to a question by reporters, Ramesh said that there is no place for casinos to operate within the city limits. "Within a week of my taking over the Police administration, I got a phone call from the public saying that a casino was being run at the foot of Chamundi Hill. We raided the place and now the operations have been shut. We will not allow any illegal activities and will maintain vigil on the roads as a mandatory day-to-day activity," he added.

Early this year, the Karnataka Government moved the Supreme Court challenging the Karnataka High Court judgement that struck down the contentious provisions of the State's online gambling law.

"The Karnataka Police (Amendment) Act, 2021 criminalised wagering, betting, or risking money on the unknown result of an event. It was specifically required to suitably deal with the evolving situation arising from the ill effects of online gambling," the petition said. The case now is in the Supreme Court.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Smt. THIMMALAKSHMAMMA, wife of Late Narasimhaiah, is desirous to sell the under mentioned property to my client and any person or persons claiming any interest on the under mentioned property or any part thereof, is hereby required to communicate the same to me with documentary evidence at my office, situated at Door No. 2765/1A D13/A1, "KEY-ANS", 6th MAIN ROAD, V.V. PURAM (V.V. MOHALLA), MYSORE-570002, within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication, as otherwise the said sale will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intents and purposes.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Wet Agricultural Land Bearing Survey No.106, measuring an extent of 3 Acre 17 Guntas, situated Hebbalaguppe Village, Kasaba Hobli, Heggadadevana Kote Taluk, Mysore District, bounded on: East - Kapila river, West - Survey No.105, North-Kapila river and South - Road.

Sd/- Dhirendra Kumar R. Mehta
Advocate
KEY-ANS LAW SOLUTIONS
Date: 12.12.2022
Place: Mysore

'Centre of Excellence in Regulatory Sciences' inaugurated at JSS College of Pharmacy

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Dr. Sarah McMullen, Country Director, United States Food and Drug Administration (US-FDA) India Office (INO), inaugurated the 'Centre of Excellence in Regulatory Sciences' at JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru, on Nov. 30.

India has the highest number of US-FDA approved pharmaceutical plants outside United States. Regulatory Sciences is pivotal in obtaining marketing authorisation from Regulatory agencies like US-FDA.

FROM LEFT: ***Dr. M.P. Venkatesh, Associate Professor, JSS College of Pharmacy, Mysuru (JSS CPM); Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Principal, JSS CPM; Dr. Sudheendra Kulkarni, US-FDA INO; Gregory Smith, US-FDA INO; Dr. Sarah McMullen, Country Director, US-FDA INO; Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Director, JSS Mahavidyapeetha; Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER; Dhruv Shah, US-FDA INO; Dr. Prashanth Vishwanath, Dean-Research, JSS AHER and Dr. V. Balamuralidhara, HoD of Pharmaceutics, JSS CPM.***

Dr. T.M. Pramod Kumar, Principal and Dean, JSS College of Pharmacy, welcomed the US-FDA INO team — Dr. Sarah McMullen, Country Director; Gregory Smith, International Relation Specialist - Drugs; Dr. Sudheendra Kulkarni, Medical Product Safety Coordinator - BIMO, Devices; Dhruv Shah, Medical Product Safety Coordinator - Drugs and other dignitaries.

Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, who presided over the event, briefed about JSS Mutt and Universities under JSS Mahavidyapeetha and the social activities.

Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), spoke about the significance of Pharmaceutical Industry personnel designing the curriculum for better outcome while Dr. Prashant Vishwanath, Dean (Research), JSS AHER, conveyed best wishes to the Centre for future endeavours.

Dr. Sarah McMullen briefed about US-FDA and the significance of India in Global platform.

FDA regulated US imports from India and OGPS (Office of Global Policy and Strategy) mission, FDA Registered Pharmaceutical firms and Pharmaceutical Inspections in India and the overview on India Office (INO) focus areas like Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, Biopharmaceuticals, Real World Evidence/ Data, Nitrosamine Impurities, Innovations and Stakeholders was presented.

The ceremony was hosted by Dr. M.P. Venkatesh, Associate Professor and co-ordinated by Dr. V. Balamuralidhara, Head, Department of Pharmaceutics. Dr. Bangarurajan, Professor, JSS College of Pharmacy, proposed a vote of thanks.

Kannada story book released

Samskruti Prakashana, Mysuru, had organised a programme to released a small Kannada story book of Gayathri Sundaresh titled *'Ratuna Mechchida Kathegalu'* ***at Babbur Kamme Sangha in Saraswathipuram recently. Writer Dr. V. Ranganth released the book along with Ramanna (retired from Railway Department), Writer-Publisher Samskruti Subramanya and Vidya Vikas Polytechnic Principal H.R. Sundareshan.***

5 oxygen concentrators donated

PLANSEE India High Performance Materials Pvt. Ltd. donated five Oxygen Concentrators (5 litres) as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activity and to mark World AIDS Day. Ramandeep Singh, Senior General Manager - Operations, Nandish, Deputy Manager - Production & Sushma, Admin Executive - from PLANSEE handed over the equipment to K.S. Gururaja and Dr. Sriram of Asha Kirana Hospital.

23rd Kodava Hockey Festival from March 20

Hosts Appachettolanda family expecting participation of more than 350 teams

Madikeri, Dec. 13 (PS&BCT)- The Kodava Family Hockey or 'Hockey Namme' is back with a bang after a gap of four years. This time, the tournament will be hosted by the Appachettolanda family from March 20 to April 10, 2023 at Napoklu village in Kodagu.

"After 2018, the hockey festival did not see the light of the day due to natural disasters and the COVID-19 pandemic. We will be organising the 23rd annual 'Hockey Namme' in 2023 in a grand manner. The fest will be held at Napoklu General Thimayya Ground and more than 350 Kodava families are likely to take part in the tournament," said Appachettolanda Manu Muthappa, the President of the Hockey Festival Committee.

Addressing a press conference in Madikeri recently, he said that in the last hockey tournament held in 2018, a total of 333 Kodava families participated in the Kulletria Cup Hockey and this time, they were expecting the participation of more than 350 families.

The festival is being conducted under the aegis of Kodava Hockey Academy.

It may be mentioned here that to prepare the family teams for the upcoming hockey festival, the Kodava Hockey Academy had organised the first Pandanda M. Kuttappa Memorial Cup rink hockey festival, in memory of the founder of the Academy and the hockey festival. It was organised from Oct. 27 to Nov. 6 at Ponnampet Turf Ground and a total of 114 teams had participated.

The logo of the Appachettolanda Cup family tournament was unveiled in Bengaluru recently by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai where a delegation of the family had called on the CM. Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MLC Suja Kushalappa and the tournament-organising family members were present.

"The CM has assured us that a Rs. 1 crore grant will be released for the hockey festival for the first time and the CM has consented to inaugurate the tournament on March 20. In all, Rs. 1.50 crore will be spent for the festival and the remaining Rs. 50 lakh will be pooled-in by the family members and collected from donors. We are planning to invite and felicitate a host of national and international hockey players who have made the Kodagu district proud and hockey champions from all communities will be honoured," Manu Muthappa said.

In all, three grounds will be utilised for the hockey festival and they will be also used as a back-up in case it rains. Kodava Hockey Academy President Pandanda Bopanna, who is the son of late Pandanda Kuttappa, will be one of the guests in the inaugural event. "It was his father who launched the first Kodava Family Hockey Tournament in 1997 and was organised by the Pandanda family, Manu Muthappa noted.

Secretary of the Hockey Festival Committee Appachettolanda Vasanth Muthappa, members Appachettolanda Harish Somaiah, Appachettolanda Ravi Monnappa, Appachettolanda Janath Kumar and others were present.

Vocal concert on Dec. 15

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a vocal concert by Vidu. Vrinda Acharya at *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Mysore K. Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, on JLB Road in city on Dec. 15 at 6 pm.

Vidu. Vrinda *Vid. Ganesh* *Vid. Arjun* *Vid. Manjunath*

Vrinda Acharya started learning classical music at an early age from Vidu. Shaila Subrmanyam. Subsequently she came under the tutelage of eminent guru, Vidu. Neela Ramgopal. In addition, presently she is also guided by her husband, Arjun Kumar, a leading mridanga artiste. A successful and sought-after talented young vocalist, Vrinda Acharya's passion for academics, ancient Indian culture and Sanskrit could be seen in her research works, several published articles and lec-dems.

Vrinda Acharya will be accompanied by **Vid. N.N. Ganesh Kumar** on violin, **Vid. Arjun Kumar** on mridanga and **Vid. S. Manjunath** on ghata.

Violin duet at Ganapathy Ashram

Mysore Amrithavarshini Bhargava and Mysore Vishveshwara Bhargava, both disciples of Mysore V. Ambaprasad, presented a Karnatak Violin Duet at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road in city recently as part of Nadarchana, year-long cultural programmes. They were accompanied by Vid. Kumaraswamy on mridanga and Pt. Bheemashankar Bidanur on tabla.

Nooporashri award conferred

Natya Vidushi Dr. Sheela Sridhar, Director, Bharathanjali Nritya Shale, Mysuru, who was conferred with 'Nooporashri' Award during the 'Sangeetha Nritya Aradhana' programme organised by Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust, Mysuru, in memory of late K. Vanajakshamma at Veene Seshanna Bhavan on Adichunchanagiri Road in Kuvempunagar, on Dec. 10, is seen with Natyacharya Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Dr. Kolpe Radhakrishna, JSS College (Mysuru) retired Principal Prof. S. Mallana, Nrityagiri Academy of Performing Arts and Research Centre Director Dr. Kripa Phadke, Latha Ramamurthy Rao and Samyukta.

Samskritika Sarathi award presented

'Karnataka Kalashree' Dr. K. Kumar, Professor and Head, Department of Dance, University College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore, Manasagangothri, Mysuru, was conferred with the National Award 'Samskritika Sarathi' at the 'Nritya Saptaha,' a National-level Dance Festival conducted by Natyantaranga, Sagara, from Nov. 27 to Dec. 3 at Natyantaranga auditorium in Sagara. He is seen with** (from left) **Vidu. Samudyata, M.L. Bhat, Dr. H.S. Mohan, B.V. Hegde and Vid. G.B. Janardhan. It was followed by a Bharatanatyam recital by Dr. Kumar and his daughters Lekha and Nidhi.

Bahuroopi-2022

National Theatre Festival

EVENTS TODAY (Dec. 13)

Janapadotsava at Vanaranga

5 pm: Kangilu by Manjunath and troupe, Dakshina Kannada; Manteswamy Haadu by Dr. Malavalli Mahadeva- swamy, Malavalli.

Staging of Plays

6.30 pm: By2 Coffee (Kannada). Troupe: WeMove Theatre, Bengaluru; Playwright and Direction: Abhishek Iyengar; **Venue:** Bhoomigeeta.

7 pm: Tukkoji (Kannada). Troupe: Sneha Ranga, Bengaluru; Playwright: Poornachandra Tejaswi; Direction: Walter D'Souza; **Venue:** Sampath Rangamandira.

7.30 pm: Udiyolagana Kichu (Kannada). Troupe: Arehole Pratishtana, Nandagokula, Mangaluru; Playwright and Direction: Prashanth Udyavara; **Venue:** Kalamandira.

7.30 pm: Bodas de Sangre (Haryanvi). Troupe: Vibhaav, Chandigarh, Punjab; Playwright: Federico Garcia Lorca; Direction: Nithin Sharma; **Venue:** Vanaranga.

EVENTS TOMORROW (Dec. 14)

Cultural Programmes at B.V. Karanth Ranga Chavadi

4 pm to 5 pm: Ghazal by Shantala Vattam, Mysuru.

International Film Festival at Dr. Puneeth Rajkumar Chitra Mandira

10.30 am to 12 noon: Fiddlers on the Thatch [2003 - English - 28 minutes; Director: Trisha Das and Madhur Das]; Mysore Manjunath [2017 - Kannada - 14 minutes; Director: M.S. Prakash Babu].

12 noon to 1.30 pm: Rashtrakavi Kuvempu: Baduku Baraha [Kannada - 28 minutes; Director: Umashankar Swamy]; Ustad Bismillah Khan [Hindi - 60 minutes; Director: Sabyasachi Mukharji].

2 pm to 4.30 pm: Do Ankhen Barah Haath [1957 - Hindi - 148 minutes; Director: V. Shantaram].

Janapadotsava at Vanaranga

5 pm: Chit Mela by Omkar Murthy and troupe, Hassan; Folk Songs by Shubha Raghavendra, Mysuru.

Staging of Plays

6.30 pm: Better Half (Hindi). Troupe: Chetana Rang Samuh, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh; Playwright and Direction: Ashish Srivastav; **Venue:** Bhoomigeeta.

7 pm: Panchakanya Smarenityam (Kannada). Troupe: Ranga Sampada, Belagavi; Playwright: Vinuta Hanchinamani; Direction: Dr. Aravinda Kulkarni; **Venue:** Sampath Rangamandira.

7.30 pm: Vidya Sundari Bengaluru Nagaratnamma (Kannada). Troupe: Benaka, Bengaluru; Story: Maleyuru Guruswamy; Stage adaptation: Huli Shekar and Pratibha Nandakumar; Direction: T.S. Nagabharana; **Venue:** Kalamandira.

WORD OF THE DAY

Wheedle

Pronunciation: WEE-dul.
Meaning: Wheedle means "to use soft words or flattery," usually for the purpose of persuading someone to do something or to give you something. It is often used disapprovingly, and is frequently followed by the word into, as in "wheedle one's way into favor."
Origin: Wheedle has been a part of the English lexicon since the mid-17th century, though no one is quite sure how it wheedled its way in. (It has been suggested that the term may have come from the Old English word wǽdlian, which meant "to beg," but this is far from certain.) Be careful not to confuse wheedle with the similar-sounding weasel. While both words are applied in situations in which someone is trying to persuade another person, weasel is especially apt in cases in which the persuader is being clever or dishonest in their efforts, while wheedle always specifically involves soft words and flattery.
Example: "In the book [Françoise Gilot] recalls a moment when Claude, a small boy, pleaded to be allowed into her studio. Loitering just outside her door, he wheedled, 'I love you, Mama.' No luck. He liked her painting, he told her, adding after a time, 'It's better than Papa's.' At that, she weakened and welcomed him inside." — Ruth La Ferla

THE ODD WORD

Wanchancy

Unlucky; uncanny.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Walk free

Meaning: To be released from a criminal charge without punishment, or not receive the expected or deserved punishment.
Origin: This phrase originated in the USA in the early 20th century. 'Walk free' had been used literally many times before that of course. In 1764, Roger L'Estrange published a collection of Seneca's essays under the title of Seneca's Morals by Way of Abstract, which included this line: What (says he) Shall I live in Trouble and Danger myself, and the Contriver of my Death - walk free, and secure? The meaning there isn't far removed from the current American 'walk away from a crime without any punishment'. It is doubtful that whoever began the 20th US usage consulted the essays of Seneca first, however. Our present use of the phrase comes from the USA, not ancient Rome. The earliest modern usage of the phrase that I've found is from the Connecticut newspaper The Bridgeport Telegram, December 1925: "She walked free today after her fourth arrest in as many months."

QUOTE BOX

An early-morning walk is a blessing for the whole day.

—Henry David Thoreau

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: All right on the night.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Stick in one's ___ : cause considerable or abiding resentment?
5 Incandescent lamp
9 Brother, in short
12 A solemn pledge
13 Russian sea
14 Stomach muscles
15 Kind of gin
16 Sleeplessness
18 Seven as a prefix
20 Robin the outlaw wore one
21 Start of a Web site address
24 Penny-pincher
27 Finally or eventually, in a way? (5,3)
31 Assemblyman, in short
32 A hit to the boundary
33 Martial arts great Bruce ___
34 Hinged metal clasp
35 Flightboard abbr.
36 Percussion instrument
38 Make active again
41 Beloved
42 Jazz singer Laine
44 Persian monarch, ___ the Great
48 Branch of mathematics
52 Swiss river - change of "area"?
53 Girl's name
54 Wind toy
55 Pheasant's nest
56 Full stop mark
57 Glance over
58 An astringent

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	P	A	E	■	G	A	B	■	S	A	L	A
D	U	N	S	■	R	Y	E	■	O	P	U	S
C	L	I	P	P	I	N	G	■	L	E	D	A
■	■	■	I	A	M	■	O	B	E	R	O	N
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T	I	E	S	■	A	N	T	E	N	N	A	E
R	N	A	■	F	L	E	E	T	■	A	D	O
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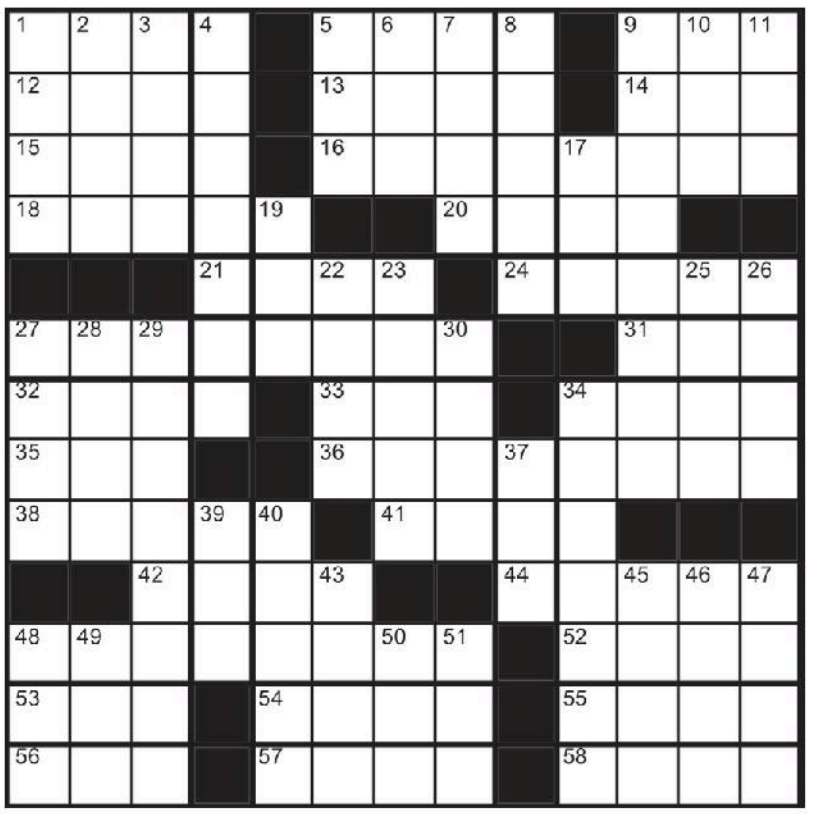
■	■	■	M	E	E	K	■	S	T	E	M	S
B	I	G	B	E	N	■	T	R	I	■	■	■
O	V	A	L	■	A	B	S	O	L	V	E	D
O	O	Z	E	■	T	E	A	■	L	I	E	S
M	R	E	D	■	E	E	R	■	S	E	E	M

DOWN

1 Weapon of assault
2 Breathing sound
3 Surmounting; over
4 Indicating a choice
5 Badminton Association of India, acronym
6 Largish vase
7 Flexible part of a whip
8 Flourish or blossom
9 He can play in a group
10 Rsrv. Bk. of India
11 Order of St. Augustine
17 'Me' in French
19 Air Transp. Radio
22 Beauty powder
23 Beseech
25 Otherwise
26 Engrossed
27 At a distance
28 Golfer's cry of caution?
29 Renegade
30 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
34 North Indian state
37 Tic ___ toe : children's game ?
39 Shade tree
40 7 day periods
43 Of the ear
45 Line of track or fence
46 Asian language
47 It may ___ so : it appears to be so?
48 Flit about
49 Tokyo, once - "doe" anagram?
50 Required Time of Arrival
51 Fondness - slang usage



SUDOKU

9					3			
	5	1						3
	7			8			4	
	9	7	2					
		6	4		8	3		
					9	2	1	
	8			7			2	
3						1	9	
			6					8

Answer to previous puzzle

2	4	7	8	6	3	1	9	5
1	3	8	5	2	9	6	4	7
5	6	9	7	4	1	8	2	3
6	7	5	2	9	4	3	1	8
8	1	2	3	7	5	9	6	4
3	9	4	6	1	8	7	5	2
7	2	1	4	3	6	5	8	9
9	5	3	1	8	2	4	7	6
4	8	6	9	5	7	2	3	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KPQ GEKEAQ NL ID YOIZEQ VNAAYA. IDMYDQ XPY

KANQL KY HYYR NDKY NK LQQL DYKPNDS FEK KPQ

UNV YEKHNDQL YG ID YHU IDU XYAANQU GIWQ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I can't imagine a man really enjoying a book and reading it only once.

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- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
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  Tsunami 143 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Mysore Diaries (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  DR. 56 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Naane Nara Rakshasa (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Behind Someone (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Naai Sekar Returns (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
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  Kantara (K) - 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — Ph: 2520009
  Day and Someone (Te) - 4 Shows

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Triple Riding (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am; (S-4) 1.00 pm
Salaam Venky (H)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.10 pm, 9.55 pm
Bond Ravi (K)	(S-1)	4.10 pm
Mysore Diaries (K)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 7.15 pm
Varalaru Mukkiyam (Ta)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Naai Sekar Returns (Ta)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Gurutundha Seetakalam (Te)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
Vijayanand (K)	(S-3)	10.35 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Dr. 56 (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
Gandhada Gudi (K)	(S-4)	10.50 am
Black Panther (E-3D)	(S-4)	4.00 pm
Kantara (K)	(S-4)	7.05 pm
Saudi Vellakka (Ma)	(S-4)	10.00 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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Triple Riding (K)	:	1.30 pm, 7.30 pm
Gurtundha Seetakalam (Te)	:	1.45 pm
Dr. 56 (K)	:	3.55 pm
Kantara (K)	:	4.30 pm
Vijayanand (K)	:	4.35 pm, 6.00 pm, 9.00 pm
Hit: The 2nd case (Te)	:	9.00 pm

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Bond Ravi (K)	:	1.10 pm
Gurthundha Seethakalam (Te)	:	12.50 pm, 7.10 pm
Dharani Mandala Madhyadolage (K)	:	1.00 pm
Drishyam 2 (H)	:	4.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Bhediya (H-3D)	:	6.10 pm
An Action Hero (H)	:	11.55 am
Hit - The Second Case (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.15 pm
Mukhachitram (Te)	:	3.35 pm
Mysuru Dairies (K)	:	7.10 pm
Naai Sekar Returns (Ta)	:	6.45 pm
Panchatantram (Te)	:	12.30 pm
Prayashaha (K)	:	4.20 pm
Salaam Venky (H)	:	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.15 pm, 10 pm
Saudi Vellakka (Ma)	:	9.45 pm
Tsunami 143 (K)	:	10.15 am
Triple Riding (K)	:	3.55 pm
Varalaru Mukkiyam (Ta)	:	9.50 pm
Vijayanand (K)	:	2.50 pm, 9.30 pm

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Drishyam 2 (H)	:	11.45 am, 4.10 pm, 6.05, 10 pm
Vijayanand (K)	:	11.55 am, 6.25 pm
Prayashaha (K)	:	12.35 pm
Hit: The 2nd case (Te)	:	1.30 pm, 7.20 pm
Kantara (K)	:	2.55 pm, 9.15 pm
Bond Ravi (K)	:	3.15 pm
Mysore Diaries (K)	:	3.25 pm
Naane Nara Rakshasa (K)	:	6.00 pm
Dr. 56 (K)	:	9.30 pm
An Action Hero (H)	:	9.45 pm

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 13)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** 'My Handloom My Pride' - a Special Handloom Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Abhyudaya Mahila Samaja:** Workshop on 'Folk Songs and Light Music Workshop by Scholars,' Abhyudaya Mahila Samaja premises, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium, 1st Floor, 20th Main Road, J.P. Nagar, **4 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Udyoga Parva' by Dr. Be.Na. Vijayendrachar, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Department of Religious Endowments:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programmes, **5.30 pm and 9.30 pm;** Sri Sita Rama Kalyana Mahotsava, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **6 pm.**
- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike:** 16th Karnataka Kalashree Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana (PGL) Memorial Music Concert, conferring of 'Nadalaya Visharada' title on renowned mridanga artiste Karnataka Kalashree Vid. T.S. Chandrashekar; Karnatak Music Vocal Concert by Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, accompanied by Vid. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. T.S. Chandrashekar on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Manjunath on ghata, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94480-51564]

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 14)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** 'My Handloom My Pride' - a Special Handloom Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **Abhyudaya Mahila Samaja:** Workshop on 'Folk Songs and Light Music Workshop by Scholars,' Abhyudaya Mahila Samaja premises, Dr. Puttaraja Gawai Stadium, 1st Floor, 20th Main Road, J.P. Nagar, **4 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Mahabharatada Udyoga Parva' by Dr. Vijayendrachar, Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Jayalakshmipuram, **5 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Department of Religious Endowments:** Sri Hanuma Jayanti celebrations, cultural programmes, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **5.30 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **PGL Samsmarana Vedike:** 16th Karnataka Kalashree Vid. P.G. Lakshminarayana (PGL) Memorial Music Concert, Flute Duet by Vid. Herambha and Vid. Hemantha, accompanied by Dr. Jyotsna Srikantha on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. Narayana Murthy on ghata, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.** [Mob: 94480-51564]

'Gana Nritya Suvarna Sangama' on Dec. 16

To showcase 50 years journey of musician and dancer

Mysuru, Dec. 13- Central Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy will present 'Gana Nritya Suvarna Sangama' (in Vasundhara Bani) at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar between 6 pm and 8.30 pm on Dec. 16. Along with Vidu. Dr. P. Ramaa, Dr. Vasundhara will showcase 50 years journey together of a musician and a dancer.

Credits: Bharatanatyam - Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy; Vocal - Vidu. Dr. P. Ramaa, Natuvanga - Vid. Sandesh Bhargav; Mridanga - Vid. H.L. Shivashankarswamy; Flute - Vid. Krishna Prasad and Compere - Vidu. Dr. S. Bhuvaneshwari.

The event will be inaugurated by Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoi, Managing Partner, Mangaluru Ganesh Beedi Works, Mysuru. Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, Dr. Jyothi Shankar and Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra will be the chief guests. Savitha Ramesh, President, VPAC&C Trust, will preside.

PROFILES

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Founder/Director of VPAC, Mysuru, a danseuse par excellence, versatile choreographer and a venerated Guru of Bharatanatyam, has turned very much a phenomenon in the Indian Classical dance scenario over the past 6 decades and more of her career. She is the only person to get Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Bharatanatyam in Mysuru.

Vidu. Dr. P. Ramaa: Pusthakam Ramaa hails from the family of musicians, her mother Indira was her first Guru and later continued her training under Vidu. Dr. Nagamani Srinath and Vid. late R.K. Srikantan. She is a top graded artiste of AIR and has received 'Karnataka Kalashree' from Sangeet Nritya Akademy and many more awards for her contribution to dance music.

She has widely travelled and has given music for dance to stalwarts like Swapna Sundari, Pratibha Prahlad and to many others. Whereas she has given music for dance to Dr. Vasundhar Doraswamy for the last 50 long years.

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	(S-3)	11.10 am; (S-4) 4.15 pm
Gandhada Gudi (K)	(S-2)	4.35 pm
Bond Ravi (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
Vijayanand (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am, 1.20 pm, 6.45 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Dr. 56 (K)	(S-3)	2.05 pm
Hit - The Second Case (Te)	(S-1)	11.10 am, 4.50 pm
Mysore Diaries (K)	(S-3)	7.40 pm
Panchatantram (Te)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Gurthundha Seethakalam (Te)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 7.20 pm
Naai Sekar Returns (Ta)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Varalaru Mukkiyam (Ta)	(S-4)	10.20 pm

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Vijayanand (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.45 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.15 pm, 10:30 pm
Triple Riding (K)	:	9.55 am, 3.55 pm
Naane Nara Rakshasa (K)	:	10.45 am
Salaam Venky (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.35 pm, 7.00 pm, 10.00 pm
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Saudi Vellakka (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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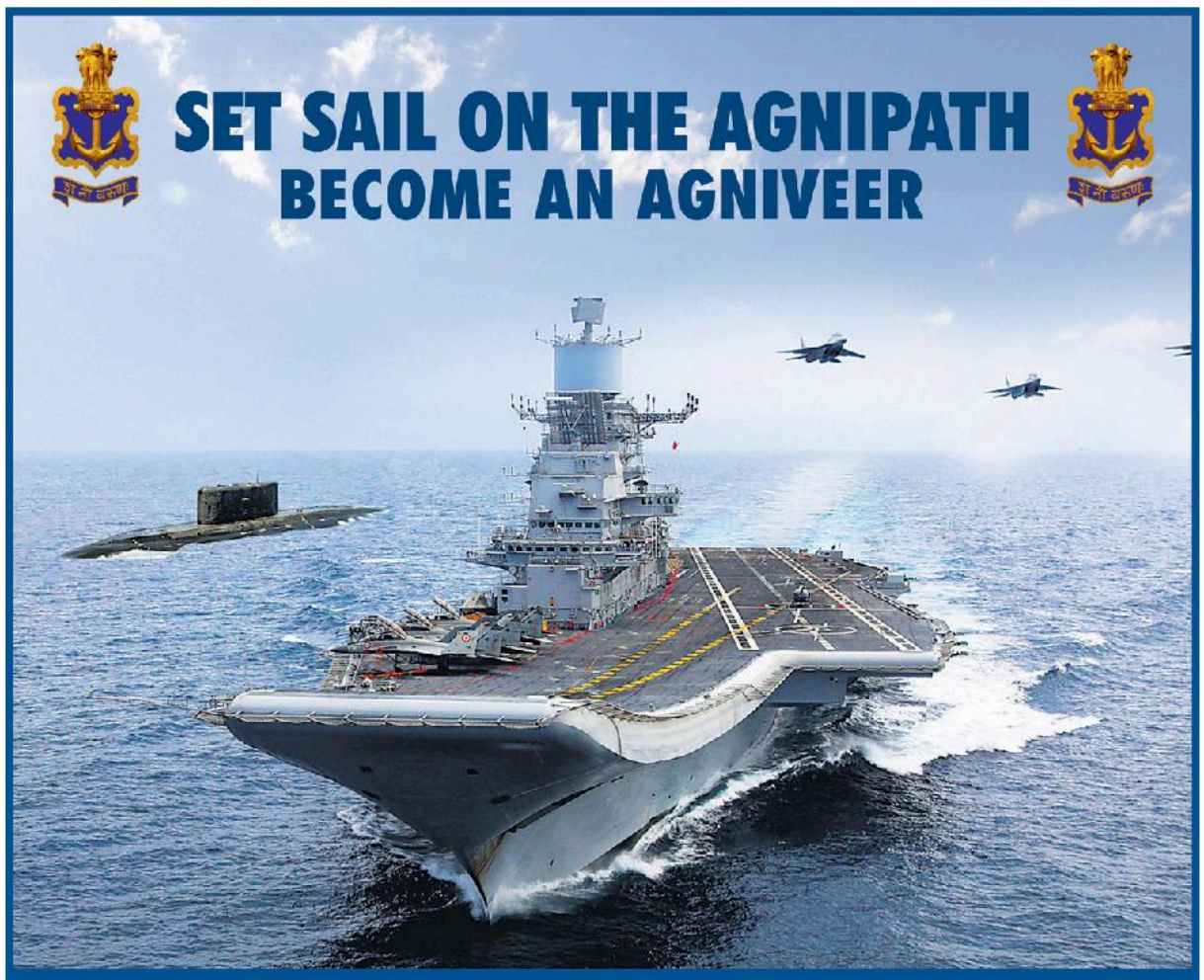

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